

TITLE: Data Sharing of Facility Identification Data from Facility “Master” Records or Files

AUDIENCE: Selected and Volunteered State Managers and EPA staff interested in Facility Identification records and Intergration

SPONSOR: EPA FRS (Facility Registry System) TEAM

GOAL: To sharing facility identification information between the EPA and State partners to enhance integration efforts, public access opportunities, and improve data quality of facility identification holdings in our respective databases.

PURPOSE: To conduct data transfer activities of facility data from Facility “Master” records to enhance the knowledge of EPA and State environmental protection staff to understand the full extent of regulatory environmental protection activities being conducted or required at any given place deemed a facility, using the standard and broad definition that EPA has committed to and is reflected by the EPA/State Data Management Committee in the FITS and FITS-2 (Facility Identification Template for States document.)

Sharing facility identification files between EPA and States will enhance staff and the public’s knowledge of what programs and activities are engaged at a given regulatory place of interest. Sharing these types of records, files and data values will allow each organization to capitalize on each others efforts to achieve high data quality in the data on the facilities we are interested in for environmental protection.

Sharing data among each organization will allow each governmental organization to review how each group has characterized any given facilities for the purposes of integration and access to the public and staff. Sharing facility identification files can help each organization understand each others interest in a given place, understand how each organization perceives a given location, and has the opportunity to improve their data holdings as well as assist in improving the other organizations data values at facilities that are of common interest.

The ultimate purpose is to improve our collective understanding of the place that is represented by these records. This better understanding is for government staff and the public, who are engaged in environmental awareness and activities. A better informed public is a tremendous asset for all governments engaged in environmental protection and the public health.

DESIRED OUTCOMES: To transfer facility identification data between EPA and the State in a seamless and efficient process that will be useful to both parties.

HOW: Engaging in communication and discussion of what facility identification data elements are important to a facility identification record, to set a protocol or transfer file method, format and type to successful transfer data to each others systems, and to communicate how data issues related to each and any facility record can be discussed and resolved where clarification or explanation is needed.